

St. Mary Protection of the Theotokos Parish

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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER TO GOD!

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Welcome to the God-loving and God-protected Orthodox Christian parish of *Pokrova* (Protection of the Holy Theotokos or “St. Mary’s”)!

It is a blessing to have you with us today and we encourage you to come back as often as you are able. Like us, you may find that you have found your spiritual home here!

We are a parish of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA under the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and our doors and hearts are open to you and your family!

Please visit our website: pokrova-allentown.org and help yourself to the many pamphlets located on the literature racks outside the church. Fr. Anthony would love answering your questions; you can reach him at 484-232-9423, father.anthony@yahoo.com, on Facebook (Douglas Anthony Perkins or facebook.com/pokrova.allentown), or face to face after services.

Handicap parking is available behind the church; regular parking is available on the street and (on Sundays) at Kohut Funeral Home.

Upcoming Services

Sunday	4/17	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy, Coffee & Church School. SS
(St. Mary)		4:00PM	Pan-Orthodox Service (St. Mary’s!!!)
Wednesday	4/20	4:00PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
		6:00PM	Holy Unction (joint, in Northampton)
Friday	4/22	7:00PM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Saturday	4/23	9:00AM	Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy (CHAPEL)
		6:00PM	Parish Vigil of Palm Sunday (CHAPEL)
Sunday	4/24	8:50AM	Blessing of Willows/Palms
		9:00AM	Palm Sunday Liturgy (youth participate!)
		7:00PM	Bridegroom Matins (Holy Week begins!)
Monday	4/25	7:00PM	Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday	4/26	7:00PM	Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday	4/27	9:00AM	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
		Noon	Holy Unction Service
		7:00PM	Bridegroom Matins
Thursday	4/28	3:00PM	Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper
		7:00PM	Passion Matins (Twelve Gospels)
Friday	4/29	9:00AM	Royal Hours of Pascha
		7:00PM	Passion Vespers w/Procession
Saturday	4/30	9:00AM	Matins - Lamentations (Harrowing of Hades)
		3:00PM	First Resurrection Service – Vespers Liturgy
		10:00PM	Paschal Nocturnes, Matins, & Divine Liturgy

NOTE: I will bless willows and palm fronds at 8:50AM so that everyone can have them during the service (i.e. to celebrate Christ’s Entrance into Jerusalem while He is in our midst!). This is also an opportunity to get our children and youth more involved in the service (and no, not just in hitting one another with the willows!). The Great Entrance (i.e. the time in the Liturgy that is evocative of the Entrance into Jerusalem) will go out of the altar, along the north wall, then back into the altar by way of the central aisle. The children and youth with their willows/palms will join the adults with their white candles in lining the central aisle. The Entrance will go between them. *This is a huge service for St. George’s as well – come early for parking (and consider parking in the Kohut lot, if possible).*

Check our website for the full listing of services & activities!!

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April 17th ; Tone 5, St. Mary of Egypt

The Order of Worship

Censing of the Altar, Iconostasis, Nave/Sanctuary, & People.

Blessed is the Kingdom ... Amen. Heaven and earth are joined in praise of God.

Great Litany. Prayers of supplication to God w/ refrain "Lord have mercy!"

Psalm 102. The Psalms are the greatest hymns of the Church.

The Little Litany. "Again and again" we lift up our praises and prayers to God.

Psalm 145 & "Only Begotten Son". This psalm and song remind us why we are here.

The Little Litany. "Again and again" ... we are learning to pray continuously.

The Beatitudes. The wisdom of the Logos offered in song – beautiful consolation.

The Little Entrance/Gospel Entrance. This symbolizes Christ coming from heaven into the world. We can kiss the Gospel (an icon of "The Word") in celebration saying; "Christ is in our midst" "He is and shall be!" "*Khristos Posered Nas*" "*I Ye I Budet*"

Come Let Us Worship. An invitation to enter into deeper worship of Jesus Christ.

Hymns for Today. As with all the music, everyone is encouraged to sing along!

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead //by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 8 Troparion (for St Mary of Egypt)

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

Tone 4 Troparion (Parish Patron/Pokrova)

O Mother of God, sheltered by thy coming / we faithful people today keep feast in joy, / and looking at thy most pure image, / moved to the depths. Of our hearts, we say: / "Protect us with thy precious veil / and deliver us from every ill, / by entreating Christ, thy Son and our God, // to save our souls.

Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

You descended into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, // and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

Tone 4 Kontakion (for St Mary of Egypt)

Having been a sinful woman, / you became through repentance a bride of Christ. / Having attained angelic life, / you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross.// Therefore O most glorious Mary, you are a bride of the Kingdom.

Tone 2 Kontakion (Parish Patron/Pokrova)

The Choirs of Saints and the Virgin / stand in church praying to God for us. / Angels and hierarchs bow in adoration, / Apostles and Prophets all rejoice / in thee, O Mother of God, // who for us prays to God Eternal.

Trisagion: We join the angels in proclaiming God's glory (Holy God, Holy Immortal...!)

Prokeimenon Tone 5 (Psalm 11:7,1)

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Prokeimenon Tone 4 (St Mary of Egypt; Psalm 67:35)

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29 (St Mary of Egypt). See below for text.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalms 88:1,2; 39:1)

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

v: For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

v: I waited patiently for the Lord, and He attended to me and heard my supplication.

Gospel: St. Mark 10:32-45; St. Luke 7:36-50 (St Mary of Egypt).

Litanies for the Faithful and for the Catachumens. Catachumens are Christians preparing to enter into the Mysteries of the Orthodox Church (e.g. Communion).

Cherubic Hymn. This song reminds us that we must "put aside all earthly cares" so that we can join the angels in worshiping God in fullness and in truth.

The Great Entrance. The priest brings out the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ. **Symbolizes Palm Sunday... and the Passion of Christ.**

Litany of the Sacrifice. The work of the people is to enter into Communion with God.

Deacon's exhortation: "Let us love one another...." We answer by proclaiming our faith in the Trinity and Holy Orthodoxy through reciting the Profession of Faith.

Commemoration of the Last Supper and Consecration of the Gifts.

Hymn to the Birthgiver of God, Mary. Litany of Preparation.

Lord's Prayer. We join together praying the "Our Father", the prayer Jesus taught us.

"Holy Things for the Holy". We now enter into the greatest Mystery of Communion.

Pre-Communion Prayer. Reminds us of our need for the Body and Blood of Christ.

Communion of the Faithful. Communion is reserved for those who are members of an Orthodox parish and have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and regular confession. All are invited to join this parish and commune with us!

Post-Communion Prayers and Dismissal

Distribution of the Antidoron. At this point everyone is invited forward to kiss the cross and receive the blessed bread cut from the Eucharistic loaf before the service.

Parish News and Events

St. Mary's now sponsors a Grief Support Group. Tuesdays. 6:30PM – 8:00PM in the Library. The cost is free. For more information or registration, please call Joe Truchan at 610-262-3251. **We ask for your prayers for this important ministry.** Please spread the word!

Flash Frozen Potato Perohi are available for purchase in our kitchen!

St. Mary's Seniors: 4/20. Hoagie making!

Easter Egg Hunt!!! May 8th after the Divine Liturgy!

St. Mary's Ukrainian Dance Group: Every Wednesday @6:30 in the Social Hall.

Please Plan on Attending: we are hosting the Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers Service **this evening at 4PM.** Attendance the last couple of services has been around 20-25, with most of the attendees coming from the hosting parish.

Upcoming Spiritually Speaking (& Singing!) Classes (after Coffee Hour)

- 4/17 "Q&A on Lent, the Universe, and Everything"
- 4/24 "The Services - and Music - of Holy Week"
- 5/8 "Congregational Singing: The Divine Liturgy (as on Saturday mornings)"
- 5/15 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 1 & 2 (as on Saturday Evenings)"
- 5/27 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 3 & 4 (as on Saturday Evenings)"
- 6/5 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 5 & 6 (as on Saturday Evenings)"
- 6/12 "Chanting the Cathedral Vigil w/Tones 7 & 8 (as on Saturday Evenings)"
- 6/19 "Chanting the Funeral Service"

Reading and Greeter Schedule

Today's Epistle Reader: Nik Fartuch; Next Week: Rdr. Nicholas Perkins

Today's Greeters: Eleanor Fox & Katherine Kramer;

Next Week: Judy Miller & Vera Muzychka

Let Fr. Anthony know if you would like to be added to the schedule!

In Orthodoxy, communion is reserved for those who are members in good standing of an Orthodox parish and who have prepared themselves through prayer and fasting. We would love to have you as a member and communicant here at St. Mary's - See Fr. Anthony if you would like to join our parish!

Today's Scripture Readings

Epistles: Hebrews 9:11-14; Galatians 3:23-29

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Now before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Gospel: St. Mark 10:32-45; St. Luke 7:36-50

... "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." ... Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

... "Do you see this woman? I entered your house, you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."